

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS
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The peptide proteolipid protein (PLP): 139-151 [H-KISQAVHAAHAE-OH; Princeton] Princeton Biomolecules, Columbus, OH used for inducing allergic encephalomyelitis in mice was mixed with Complete Freud's Adjuvans (CFA; 2.5 mg/ml *M. tuberculosis* H37RA; Difco Laboratories, Detroit, MI) in Incomplete Freud's Adjuvans (IFA; Gibco BRL, Grand Island, NY) to obtain an emulsion of 1 mg/ml with which each mouse was subcutaneously injected with 50 μ l (50 μ g/mouse). From day 8 after immunization the mice were examined for the development of paralytic symptoms and the degree of severity of the disease was measured according to the standard scale.

Degree 1: relaxed tail

Degree 2: weakness in the hind legs

Degree 3: complete paralysis of the hind legs

Degree 4: quadriplegia

Degree 5: death

To ensure feeding of the paralyzed mice, long water tubes were inserted into the cages and solid food was put into the nest.